FISCAL NOTE

SB 1633 - HB 1330

March 17, 2003

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires coverage for an AIDS vaccine approved for marketing by the Federal Drug Administration and recommended by the U.S. Public Health Service by:

- health insurance plans including public employee plans
- any individual or group health care service plan contract
- every policy of disability insurance that covers hospital, medical or surgery expenses

Coverage does not have to be provided for any clinical trials. The requirement for coverage would not apply to plans such as vision, dental, Medicare supplements, or disability income insurance.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000
Increase Local Govt. Expenditures*- Exceeds \$1,000,000
Other Fiscal Impact - Increase Expenditures - Exceeds \$1,000,000/Health Industry**

Estimate assumes:

- increased expenditures to cover the vaccine in the state and local government insurance plans. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.
- expenditures for the vaccine will increase costs to private health insurance plans. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$1,000,000.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

^{*}Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

^{**}The impact on the health industry is included as required by Chapter 244 of the Public Acts of 1989.